

IN THE SPECIFICATION

Please replace paragraph [0036] of the present specification with the following amended replacement paragraph:

[0036] When the rack member 8 is linearly driven in the direction shown by the arrow "T1" as described above, the second rack part 48 does not engage with any portion of the tooth-missing gear part 462. In other words, the second rack part 48 engages with neither of the tooth part 463 and the thin plate parts 464a and 464b and thus the tooth-missing gear part 462 is in a non-engagement state with the second rack part 48. Therefore, the movement of the rack member 8 is permitted and the rack member 8 is smoothly and linearly driven in the "T1" direction.

Please replace paragraph [0042] of the present specification with the following amended replacement paragraph:

[0042] While the second rack part 48 is linearly driven in the direction shown by the arrow "T2", the first rack part 47 does not engage with any portion of the tooth-missing gear part 462. In other words, the first rack part 47 does not engage with the teeth part 463 and the thin plate parts 464a and 464b and thus the tooth-missing gear part 462 is in a non-engagement state with the first rack part 47. Therefore, movement of the rack member 8 is permitted and the rack member 8 is smoothly and linearly moved in the T2 direction.